Working of Gold Mines in the State.

*Q.—278. Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the progress and working of the West Reefs in the Kolar Gold Mine Undertakings of Nandydroog Mine, Champion Reef Mine and Mysore Mine during the last three years ;

(b) the tonnage of ore and percentage of Gold in each Mine (three years' comparative figures may be furnished) ?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—

(a) The progress and working of the West Reefs in the three Mines is as under :—

1. *Mysore Mine* :—Prior to nationalisation a total of 3,216 feet was developed on the West Reefs involving an expenditure of nearly Rs. 3·5 lakhs. Since nationalisation the development of West Reefs was intensified, and a total of 12,597 feet was developed, involving an expenditure of Rs 18,27,150 up to 31st December 1958. The development has not so far resulted in the discovery of any new oreshoot of economic value.

2. *Champion Reef Mine* :—A total of 15,570 feet was driven on the West Reef involving an expenditure of Rs. 21,72,217 up to the date of nationalisation. Besides this, diamond drilling was undertaken for 3,726 feet at a cost of Rs. 1,05,969. The West Reef exploratory work has continued to be undertaken after nationalisation and a total of 6,635 feet was driven at a cost of Rs. 9,68,263 while the diamond drilling work was done for 544 feet at a cost of Rs. 3,928 during the period 29th November 1956 to 31st December 1958. Owing to the disappointingly poor results obtained, the West Reef development work in this Mine has been suspended since July 1958.

3. *Nundydroog Mine* :—The development of the West Reefs in Nundydroog mine continues to be successful. Up to the date of nationalisation a large quantity of ore had been developed between the 38th and 70th levels. This ore is now being mined with planned sequences of stoping. Since nationalisation the upward continuation of this ore is being developed from crosscuts at 1,450, 2,000 and 32 levels. A crosscut is also being put out at 2,600 level. Two shafts are being sunk from surface for the exploration and development of the West Reefs in upper levels. This work is opening up increased quantities of ore.

(b)

The ore mined in the three mines during the last three years are given below :—

		Payable Dwt.		*Low Grade Dwt.*
	Tons	*per ton*	*Tons*	*per ton*
As at 31-12-1955—				
Mysore Mine ...	127910	12.07	153220	3.69
Champion Reef Mine ...	759128	9.89	97466	3.84
Nundydroog Mine ...	1027578	9.71	1400566	3.70
As at 31-12-1956—				
Mysore Mine ...	116785	10.59	171993	3.67
Champion Reef Mine ...	818155	10.09	101149	3.78
Nundydroog Mine ...	1051928	9.37	1606369	3.64
As at 31-3-1958—				
Mysore Mine ...	100624	10.24	107169	3.49
Champion Reef Mine ...	897446	8.82	129744	3.73
Nundydroog Mine ...	1008392*	9.64	1817340*	3.59

*93% of these ore reserves are in West Reefs.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—Sir, in Mysore Mine, have they appointed any technical persons to work on west reef?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—The staff which is already working there since many years are working there.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—With reference to (*b*): may I know whether the figures given indicate the ore reserves position or only the tonnage produced?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Tonnage produced.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—In Mysore mines, whether Government have contemplated to work on the *heavy shaft pillar* from October 1959?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—I have no information with me.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—May I know whether the Kolar Gold Mines have come to the conclusion that the reserve position of the Mysore Mine is very bad and they will have to think in terms of closing that mine?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—That is a point that is under consideration. The position is not improving. It is deteriorating. That much is true.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—May I now bring it to your notice that there is some difference among the mining engineers in the matter of working of the Mysore Mine as is being done now?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—It has not been brought to the notice of the Government so far. The information which the Government has got is that the ore position is deteriorating day by day. Government is very seriously considering whether it is possible to run it on profitable basis or even on 'no profit no loss' basis.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—Are the Government aware that prior to the nationalisation of the K.G.F. mines, Messrs. John Taylor and Sons had declared that Mysore Mine would work for 20 years, Champion Reefs for forty years and Nandydoorg Mines for 60 years?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—What they had declared, I do not know.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The question is sufficiently answered. Next question.

Storing of Raw Hides in Harijan Colonies in Kolar District.

*Q.—293. Sri J. NARAYANAPPA (Mulbagal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that outsiders are stocking raw hides in godowns in the heart of Harijan colonies in Kolar District;

(*b*) whether it has also come to their notice that in spite of bringing this matter to the notice of concerned authorities, no action has been taken to remove them from those places;

(*c*) whether they are aware of the fact that Harijans are contracting contagious diseases due to bad smell of such raw hides;

(*d*) whether they would make necessary enquiries and get those godowns removed from those places at an early date?

A.—Sri K. K HEGDE (Minister for Health).—

(*a*) No outsiders are stocking raw hides in godowns in Kolar District.

(*b*) It has been brought to the notice of Government that action has been taken to issue notices on the parties for removal of the godowns.

(*c*) Information has been called for on this point, from the Assistant Surgeons.

(*d*) Yes.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಕೆ. ಹೆಗ್ಗಡೆ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಕುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಂಚಿತವಾಗಿ (*c*) ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ "ಇಲ್ಲ" ಎಂದು ಉತ್ತರವನ್ನು ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜೆ. ನಾರಾಯಣಪ್ಪ.—ಈಗ ನನ್ನ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿ ಎರಡು ತಿಂಗಳುಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಆಯಿತು. ಇದುವರೆಗೂ ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಪಟ್ಟಿರುವವರು ಇನ್ನೂ ವರದಿಯನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಲ್ಲವೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಕೆ. ಹೆಗ್ಗಡೆ.—ಯಾವ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಜೆ. ನಾರಾಯಣಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಬಹಳ ಮುಖ್ಯವಾದುದು. ಹರಿಜನರ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ಕೇರಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಅನಿಷ್ಟಗಳನ್ನು ತಂದು ಶೇಖರಣೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.